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SUBJECT: NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF REPORT ON SOVIET  
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

REF: A) USNATO 1346 B) STATE 69817 (NOTAL)

1. MARCH 30 NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING APPROVED  
DECLASSIFICATION OF C-M(77)11 AND ITS DISTRIBUTION TO  
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AS A "NON-PAER" FOR USE, AT NATIONAL DISCRETION  
AS A DATA SOURCE WITH THIRD PARTIES.

2. AS EXPECTED (REF A), FRENCH PERM REP TINE MADE HIS AGREEMENTS  
TO THE DECLASSIFICATION AND CIRCULATION CONTINGENT  
ON CLOAKING THE NATO ORIGIN OF THE PAPER. HE REPEATED  
COMMENTS PREVIOUSLY MADE LAST NOVEMBER (76USNATO 6486, PARA 2)  
ON THE LACK OF PRECISION IN BASIC DATA, AND ASKED THAT ANY  
NATIONAL USE OF THE REPORT BE "WITH GREAT TACT AND CAUTION."

3. UK PERMREP (KILLICK) SAID LONDON CONSIDERED THE NEW  
DRAFT VERY HELPFUL BUT QUESTIONED THE QUALITY OF THE TRANSLATION.  
REFERRING TO PARA 25 OF THE REPORT, HE SUGGESTED THAT A  
BETTER, LESS CONTENTIOUS, PHRASING FOR THE SECOND SENTENCE  
WOULD BE "THEPROCUREMENT OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGY, FOR THE  
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CIVIL SECTOR IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF THE INADEQUACY OF  
THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MODERNIZE THE ECONOMY AND  
STIMULATE GROWTH AT THE SAME TIME AS MAINTAINING THE  
PRESENT DEFENSE EFFORT." BILLY AGREED AND INDICATED THAT THE  
ORIGINAL FRENCH LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE REPORT WAS CLOSER TO  
KILLICK'S WORDING.

4. DANISH PERMREP (SVART) COMMENTED THAT PARAS 9 AND 21  
OF THE REPORT WERE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT. THE FIRST  
SHOWED THE RELATIVELY LOW PERCENTAGE OF SOVIET DEFENSE

EXPENDITURE TAKEN FOR PERSONNEL COST, (CONTRASTED WITH THE SITUATION IN THE WEST). THE SECOND HIGHLIGHTED THE SEPARATION BETWEEN THE CIVIL AND MILITARY SECTORS OF THE SOVIET ECONOMY AND THE LACK OF SPIN-OFF FROM THE LATER. HE FELT THIS MIGHT PARTIALLY EXPLAIN THE LAG IN THE CIVIL ECONOMY.

5. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REF (A)  
ANC CIRCULATED COPIES OF SR77-1000IU.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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